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QUOTE S E C R E T LONDON 14089

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TAGS: PARM, SF, UK, US

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM

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1. IN AUGUST 23 MEETING, CHARGE DREW ON REFTEL TO BRIEF
DUFF, FCO ACTING PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY, AND TO ELICIT
UK VIEWS ON NEXT STEPS.

2. DUFF EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION WITH EXTENT OF SOUTH
AFRICAN ASSURANCES TO USG. HE ALSO NOTED THAT FOURIE, IN
MEETING WITH UK AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH AFRICA SCOTT, HAD
EXPRESSED HOPE THAT UK WOULD ACCEPT REPLY TO US ALSO AS
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A REPLY TO UK. FOURIE MOREOVER POINTED OUT TO SCOTT
THAT SAG WAS PREPARED TO ENTER DISCUSSIONS ON ACCESSION
TO NPT IF IT COULD ALSO RAISE RELATED QUESTIONS, SUCH AS
(A) DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA IN THE SUPPLY OF
FUEL ELEMENTS FOR PEACEFUL REACTORS, AND (B) THE EJECTION
OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE IAEA BOARD.

3. DUFF FULLY RECOGNIZED MAGNITUDE OF ISSUES TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE PERIOD AHEAD. HE SAID HMG "IS PREPARED TO HELP IN ANY WAY." IN THIS COHNECTION, HE WONDERED WHETHER ANY ADVANTAGE MIGHT ATTACH TO MULTILATERAL, AS OPPOSED TO PARALLEL BILATERAL, EFFORTS, THOUGH HE AGREED WITH CHARGE THAT THE WEIGHT OF THE SUM OF BILATERAL EFFORTS MIGHT BE GREATER THAN THAT OF A MULTILATERAL UNDERTAKING, APART FROM THE DIFFICULTIES OF COORDINATING A MULTILATERAL POSITION. ON SPECIFIC NEXT STEPS, DUFF HAD NO IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT HE PROMISED TO REFLECT AND KEEP IN TOUCH. HE AGREED WITH CHARGE THAT AFRICAN REACTIONS IN WAKE OF VORSTER'S SPEECH WOULD SERVE AS A FURTHER BASIS FOR SHAPING PROPOSALS FOR NEXT MOVES.

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